Search My Heart, O Lord

The Living Testimony of Joshua Nathan

“ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. ” (Psalm 51:10)

Prologue – The Divine Weaver

The Spirit of God is the weaver, threading together the fragments of my life into a tapestry of His glory. From the beginning to now, every trial, every revelation, and every encounter has been carefully sewn by His hand.

Introduction – Search My Heart, O Lord

This is my repeated prayer: 'Search my heart, O Lord.' Not to glorify myself, but to show the world that Christ alone is worthy. My life is but clay in the hands of the Potter (Isaiah 64:8), shaped for His purpose.

Chapter 1 – Coming Out at 17

At seventeen, I stood at the threshold of honesty. In revealing who I was, I met both rejection and the refuge of God. Like Jacob wrestling with the angel, I walked away limping but blessed, carried by the grace of Christ.

Chapter 2 – Music and Art

From my earliest days, music was a refuge and art a prophetic mirror. These were not mine, but God ' s breath expressed through me. As David played his harp before Saul, the Spirit came near; so also in my music, I encountered Him.

Chapter 3 – The Fish by the Waterfront

One day by the Louisville waterfront, after hours of watching the sun set and drawing, I lifted my notebook. Beneath it lay a fish. Its eye aligned perfectly with what I had just sketched. The sign was clear: 'Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.' (Matthew 4:19)

Chapter 4 – Encounter of Surrender

There was a night after Bible study when I was compelled to stop and pray at an intersection. I found myself in full surrender, feeling a bear-like spiritual force behind me. Yet it backed down before an unseen presence in front of me. It was a moment of holy fear and reassurance: 'The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?' (Psalm 27:1)

Chapter 5 – The Holocaust Memorial

In Miami Beach, the Holocaust Memorial became a sacred place of prayer for me. Its hand reaching upward, its names inscribed, its alignment of light—all became reflections of the heavenly throne room. As John saw in Revelation 4, I too glimpsed the holiness of God

through this memorial of suffering and remembrance.

Chapter 6 – The Blossoms and the Greater Tree

I was shown three smaller trees offering blossoms to a greater tree. The pollen symbolized the gospel, carried by the wind. Isaiah 40:8 says, 'The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.' This vision pointed to the remnant and God ' s longing to gather His people.

Chapter 7 – He Is Risen

While delivering for UberEats, I encountered divine signs: a woman ' s garden with a banner reading 'He is Risen,' and soon after, a delivery to a Jewish complex where I shared space with people of faith. Each step was a Spirit-led turning point, affirming the resurrection life within daily tasks.

Chapter 8 – Nakedness and Division

From Adam and Eve ' s nakedness before the fall, to Cain ' s rejected offering, to the division of Isaac and Ishmael—the story of humanity is one of coverings and divides. Yet Christ came to tear down the wall of separation (Ephesians 2:14), restoring us to spiritual intimacy with God.

Interlude – From the Heart of the Good Shepherd

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.' (John 10:11). In moments of darkness, I heard His voice guiding me, not condemning me, but calling me home.

Closing – To God Be the Glory

This testimony is not about me, but about the Lord who reigns. " Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, for wisdom and might are His. " (Daniel 2:20) To the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be glory, now and forever. Amen.